



U.S. PATENT Customer No. 25280

Case #2159

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kenneth B. Higgins
Serial Number: formerly 09/513,020
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For: **ADHESIVE-FREE CARPET TILES AND CARPET TILE INSTALLATIONS**

Group Art Unit: formerly 1775
Examiner: formerly Juska, C.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. (Amended) [A free lay] An adhesive free cushion backed carpet tile installation comprising:
a plurality of carpet tiles each carpet tile comprising:
an upper textile surface; and
a layer of polyurethane foam material, said layer of foam material being functionally
secured beneath said upper textile surface, and said layer of foam material being adapted
to provide cushioning to a force pressing against said upper textile surface, and each
carpet tile positioned in an abutting relationship relative to each other and substantially
freely overlying a predetermined surface, wherein each of said carpet tiles has a plurality

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